

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating and commending Commander Nonito Vincent Blas, USN, on his recent promotion to his current rank of Commander and express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to our country and as an officer of the United States Navy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Mr. Nonito Vincent Blas, born in Mangilao, Guam on April 22, 1963 is the eldest child of four (4) brothers - **Raymond, Kinney, Ralph**, born to Nonito "Nito" C. Blas and Marcella Dorothea "Doring" Blas, residents of *Mangilao*, Guam; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1984, Nonito Vincent Blas married the former Denise L. Guzman of *Maina*, and are proud parents of two (2) adult children: Christine and Kyle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nonito Vincent Blas attended William H. Price Elementary School in *Mangilao*; Father Damian High School, Honolulu,

Hawaii and graduated from Father Dueñas Memorial High School, *Mangilao* in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nonito V. Blas enlisted in the United States Navy as a Seaman Recruit upon high school graduation and completed boot camp in San Diego, California in 1981. He attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Electronics Technician (Surface Warfare) nuclear trained while stationed, in 1989, at San Diego, CA. In 1993, Ensign Nonito V. Blas was commissioned under the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program; and

WHEREAS, ENS Blas completed the Naval Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Prototype Training (NPTU) in 1986 at Ballston Spa, New York. His tour of duty enlisted shore assignments include – Staff Instructor, Nuclear Prototype Training, Ballston Spa, New York and NPTU, Idaho Falls, Idaho. He completed sea duty assignments onboard the USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9); and

WHEREAS, at Officer Indoctrination School, Pensacola, Florida, ENS Blas graduated number one in a class of twenty (20) officers in 1993. His assignments lists – Nuclear Repair Officer, USS HOLLAND (AS 32) qualifying as a Surface Warfare Officer and selected the 1996 Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet Junior Officer of the Year. While at the Hull Repair Officer Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility (NAVIMFAC), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1999, he was awarded

the Federal Asian Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award in 1999. LT Blas oversaw the Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistance, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in 2001. He served as Production Management Assistant on the USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) was conferred the 2004 Navy Submarine League Levering Smith Award for achievement in submarine support. In 2007, as the Reactor Mechanical Assistant, USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) earned the Commander Naval Air Forces Outstanding Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, LCDR Blas completed numerous Western Pacific and Persian Gulf deployments in support of *Operation Desert Shield (1990)*, *Operation Desert Storm (1991)*, *Operation Enduring Freedom (2001)* and *Operation Iraqi Freedom (2002)* ; and

WHEREAS, CDR Nonito Blas' is the recipient of prestigious military awards - the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation (three times), and a number of other personal and campaign awards; and

WHEREAS, CDR Nonito V. Blas is currently serving at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee, as the Head Detailer for submarine and nuclear Limited Duty Officers and Chief Warrant Officers; and

WHEREAS, in his personal and professional life, Commander Nonito Vincent Blas constantly stresses integrity and respect for others

and serves as a source of inspiration to his fellow officers, friends, and family, to whom he has always encouraged personal and professional growth; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* congratulate and commend Commander Nonito V. Blas on his recent promotion to his current rank and express *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the our country and as an officer of the United States Navy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Commanding Officer Nonito Vincent Blas, his parents Mayor Nonito "Nito" and Mrs. Marcella Dorothea "Doring" Blas, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature